

# SUMMARY

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## Gasoline Cars And Trucks Workgroup Meeting

Held 6/29/05

Trenton War Memorial

Meeting called by: John Gorgol

Facilitator: Jeff Cantor

**Attendees:** Bob Miller, NJDOT; Cheryl Drach, USPS; Joseph Caravella, TransOptions; David Heller, NJTPA; Bob Johnson, Sierra Club; Mac Wubben, Center for Clean Air Policy; Sudhir Joshi, NJDOT; Chris Magielnicki, Service Plus; Gail Carter, NJDEP; Nathan Cumar, NJDOT; Steve Jurow, NJ Transit; Jeff Cantor, NJDEP; Dave West, NJDEP; Rob Schell, NJDEP; John Gorgol, NJDEP (see attached table for complete contact information)

**Materials:** Workgroup ground rules; workgroup summary presentation

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### Introduction/Announcements [10 minutes]

*Workgroup participants introduced themselves and indicated their reasons for attending. A variety of expectations were expressed including:*

- Learning
  - Developing proactive ideas rather than reactive
  - Generate transportation control measures (TCM)
  - Promote alternative transportation
  - Incorporate land use considerations
  - Promote/explore alternate fuels
  - Address repair issues and the repair industry (esp. re. newer vehicles)
  - Promote CA vehicle standards
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### Overview [5 minutes]

*Reviewed workgroup process, charter, and ground rules; set subsequent meeting outline and next meeting time and place.*

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## Discussion [90 minutes]

Brainstorming on "how to reduce emissions of criteria pollutants – NO<sub>x</sub> and PM in particular – from gas powered cars and trucks". The following ideas were suggested and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting:

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| State tax credit for purchase of hybrid vehicle  | State tax <b>dis</b> credit for purchase of SUV  |
| Employee trip reduction program  | Early vehicle retirement program                 |
| Convert fleets to hybrid or alt. Fuel vehicles   | Public awareness and education                   |
| Provide repair assistance for older vehicles   | Increase inspection frequency for older vehicles |
| Track vehicle repair records and allow for inspection bypass w/ frequent repairs   |  |
| State tax credit for alt. fuels/bio-fuels  | Hydrogen vehicles                                |
| Travel demand management   |  |
| Telecommuting  |  |
| Alt. workweek scheduling   |  |
| Voluntary or mandatory?  |  |
| Preferred employee parking   |  |
| Registration fee based on vehicle weight with steep increase for heavier vehicles  |  |
| Ban drive thru banks/fast food/etc.  |  |
| Expand NJT weekend/night service   |  |
| Registration fee based on VMT  | Employer shuttles to train/bus stations          |
| Neighborhood electric vehicles   |  |
| Privately owned or co-op   |  |
| Registration issues  |  |
| Use on public roads?   |  |
| Park-n-ride <b>out</b> of urban areas  | Older vehicle retrofits – catalytic converters   |
| Fleet requirements   |  |
| Revive Clean Fuel Fleet program  |  |
| mpg requirements   |  |
| Emissions requirements   |  |
| Vehicle maintenance education  |  |
| Emphasize cost savings   |  |
| Avoids problems  |  |
| Tire inflation programs  | Team up with insurance industry                  |
| Use AAA as education partner   |  |
| Expand bike/pedestrian trails for transportation and improve quality of trails for all uses (e.g., rollerblades need smooth asphalt) |  |
| Increase fuel tax  | Revise gasoline formulation (regionally?)        |
| Increase anti-idling education/enforcement   | Increase overall I/M frequency                   |
| Remove 4-yr new car I/M exemption  | Avoid mid-day refueling – education/mandatory?   |

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## Wrap-up

Next meeting: Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at NJDOT headquarters in Ewing, NJ. Transportation for those traveling to the Trenton area by train to be coordinated through Jeff Cantor.

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